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~~SECRET UMBRA~~ FINAL SECTION OF SEVEN XXMMENP07FTB29061 CONTAINS ISHTAR (IN
PARAGRAPHS SO MARKED) 3/004 (R155-71 NATIONAL SECURITY AGENCY SOUTHEAST ASIA
SIGINT SUMMARY XXCC IV. GENERAL DIRECTORATE OF REAR SERVICES ACTIVITY THUS FAR
IN JUNE, 11 INFILTRATION GROUPS (8 BATTALION-SIZE) AND 13 SPECIAL-PURPOSE
GROUPS HAVE BEEN OBSERVED IN GDRS COMMUNICATIONS. ~~(SECRET SPOKE)~~ LAOS THE
NORTHWARD MOVEMENT OF AAA WEAPONS WAS DISCLOSED IN A 24 JUNE MESSAGE FROM THE
282D AAA REGIMENT. REPORTEDLY, THREE WEAPONS OF THE 4TH AAA BATTALION WERE TO
BE TOWED \$BACK NORTH OF HIGH POINT 700\$ (XD 505795, 17-00N 106-25E). THE
REGIMENT THEN DIRECTED THE BATTALION TO \$USE GAZ VEHICLES TO CONTINUE MOVING
BACK TO THE COUNTRY, \$ A PROBABLE REFERENCE TO NORTH VIETNAM. ELEMENTS OF THE
4TH BATTALION HAD PREVIOUSLY BEEN NOTED PREPARING TO DEPLOY NORTH. THE ESCAPE
OF AN UNIDENTIFIED PRISONER WAS DISCLOSED IN A 26 JUNE DISPATCH FROM BINH TRAM
32 (HQ LOCATED AT WD 9762, 16-50N 105-55E) TO THE 9TH COMMO-LIAISON BATTALION.
THE REPORT NOTED THAT THE TWO PRISONERS WERE BEING ESCORTED BY TWO SAVANAKHET
PUBLIC SECURITY GUARDS; ONE OF THE PRISONERS REPORTEDLY HAD ESCAPED IN THE
VICINITY OF POSSIBLY BAN NAM NI (XD 1061, 16-50N 106-02E). (2/00/VCJ/R320-71,
282130Z) ~~(SECRET SPOKE)~~ V. NORTH VIETNAM A. AIR/AIR DEFENSE FORCES UNIDENTIFIED
DIVISION ASSOCIATED WITH AIR DEFENSE OPERATIONS SINCE 24 MAY, AAA AND
UNIDENTIFIED DIVISIONAL OPERATIONS HAVE BEEN REFLECTED IN SOUTHERN NORTH
VIETNAMESE LAOS AIR SURVEILLANCE SITUATION REPORTING NET (ASSRN)
COMMUNICATIONS. AAA STATUS REPORTS HAVE BEEN OBSERVED FOR AN UNIDENTIFIED
REGIMENT AND SUBORDINATE BATTALIONS, AND ON 23 JUNE, AN UNIDENTIFIED
AAA-ASSOCIATED BATTALION STATED, \$...THE ENTIRE BATTALION CELEBRATED THE DAY
COMMEMORATING THE ESTABLISHMENT OF THE DIVISION. \$ THIS IS THE FIRST-NOTED
INSTANCE OF A DIVISION BEING ASSOCIATED WITH THE ASSRN. ALTHOUGH IT COULD NOT
BE DETERMINED IF IT IS A NEW DIVISION, PREVIOUS COMMUNICATIONS REFLECTED
Echelons NO HIGHER THAN REGIMENT. ADDITIONALLY, IT IS BELIEVED TO BE
ANTIAIRCRAFT RELATED SINCE THE ASSRN HAS AN AIR DEFENSE MISSION. AAA AND
DIVISIONAL OPERATIONS ASSOCIATED WITH THE ASSRN WOULD SIGNIFICANTLY IMPROVE THE
COMMAND AND CONTROL OF DETECTION, REPORTING AND STRIKE OPERATIONS FOR AIR
DEFENSE ELEMENTS OPERATING IN THE SOUTHERN PANHANDLE OF NORTH VIETNAM.
(2/00/VCK/R259-71, 291332Z) ~~(SECRET SPOKE)~~ B.

ON 20 JUNE. (3/004 (R149-71) ~~(SECRET SPOKE)~~ C. MARITIME ACTIVITY 1. NORTH
VIETNAMESE CHARTERED VESSEL PRESUMED LOST AT SEA THE SOMALI FLAG VESSEL GOLDEN

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OCEAN (SO, 3829GT, CG), WHICH IS UNDER A 6-MONTH TIME CHARTER TO VIETFRACHT (VIETNAM FOREIGN TRADE TRANSPORTATION CORPORATION) IN HANOI, APPARENTLY WAS LOST AT SEA DURING THE LATTER PART OF MAY OR THE EARLY PART OF JUNE. ON 21 JUNE, VIETFRACHT WAS INFORMED BY THE MASTER OF THE GOLDEN OCEAN THAT THE VESSEL HAD INCURRED AN ACCIDENT. VIETFRACHT SENT CONDOLENCES TO THE VICTIMS' FAMILIES AND REQUESTED DETAILS IMMEDIATELY. [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] THE GOLDEN OCEAN WAS PRESUMED LOST AT SEA IN THE BAY OF BENGAL DUE TO \$NATURAL CAUSES\$ AND THAT NINE CREWMEN ARE DEAD. BUT THAT 30 HAD LANDED SAFELY IN BURMA. [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] (2X/00/ [REDACTED] R376-71, 011545Z MAY, 2/00/ [REDACTED] R124-71, 261450Z; R126-71, 281858Z) ~~(SECRET SPOKE)~~ 2. NORTH VIETNAMESE VESSEL EN ROUTE TO HONG KONG ON 25 JUNE, THE NORTH VIETNAMESE MERCHANT SHIP 20 JULY (NV, 1300GT, CG) PROBABLY DEPARTED HAIPHONG TO BEGIN HER SECOND TRIP DURING JUNE TO HONG KONG. THE 20 JULY IS SCHEDULED TO ENTER DRY DOCK IN HONG KONG DURING JULY, BUT IT IS NOT KNOWN WHETHER SHE WILL ENTER DRY DOCK AFTER UNLOADING HER CARGO IN HONG KONG. THE 20 JULY TRANSPORTED AT LEAST 460.6 METRIC TONS OF CARGO TO HONG KONG CONSISTING OF 399.375 METRIC TONS OF CEMENT, AND VARIOUS AMOUNTS OF ZINC OXIDE, CHILI POWDER, DRIED PRAWNS, DRIED YEMIN, BALES OF MATS AND MATTING, CHESS SETS AND RICE. (3/00/ [REDACTED] R146-71; 2/00/ [REDACTED] R123-71, 251857Z; R126-71, 281858Z) ~~(SECRET SPOKE)~~ CHANGE TO 3/00/ [REDACTED] R154-71, IN PART V, NORTH VIETNAM; SECTION B, MARITIME ACTIVITY; ITEM 3, FIRST PARAGRAPH, CHANGE \$BLACK ACETYLENE\$ TO READ \$ACETYLENE BLACK.\$ ~~(SECRET SPOKE)~~ XXHH 900 #3658 NNNH

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